

**FINANCE & UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6:00 PM**

The Commission meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nathan Brown. Those present included: Mayor Nathan Brown; Council Members John Dayton and Vaughn Ripley; Commission Members Carroll Jones, Brian Keller, and Syree Williams; and staff members Dave Dunn, Jeremy Mose, Matt Campbell, Carrie Myers, John Gerstner, and Rikki Bruchey.

Engineering for Yourtee Springs Storage Tank

Mr. Mose and Mr. Campbell discussed this item. This project was to be funded with ARPA money. Since Whitman has already completed engineering work at Yourtee, they can jump right in to engineer the storage tank needs. This ground storage tank will help with safety and fire protection, increase water storage from the springs, increase flow pressure for customers, etc. The storage tank will hold approximately 150,000-200,000 gallons. Currently, there is no storage at Yourtee.

The consensus of the Commission is to recommend approval to the Mayor and Council.

FY22 Budget Transfer – Unassigned to Capital Committed - \$1,500,000

Ms. Bruchey explained this transfer would move \$1,500,000 from reserves to the capital fund.

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FY23 Budget

Mr. Dunn discussed the FY23 property tax rate. He stated constant yield is currently set at \$0.3866, while the City's tax rate is currently set at \$0.41. The consensus of the Commission is to recommend keeping the current tax rate to the Mayor and Council to maintain a steady revenue stream.

Mr. Dunn discussed the FY23 water and sewer rates. Currently staff is recommending a 2% increase across all rates. Mr. Dunn stated the Commission could continue to discuss as budget season progressed.

Mr. Dunn stated Mayor Brown was not in favor of instituting a System Improvement Fee again this year, despite the Council's ability to set one.

Mr. Dunn stated the trash rates need to be increased because it has been many years since any increase and the fund is running too much of a deficit. Currently, businesses pay the same rates as residential customers. The Commission will continue to discuss as budget season progresses.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.